AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 12, with the following:

Some alternative measures of vector similarity or difference are discussed in in copending U.S. patent application 09/772.115, entitled "Vector Difference Measures for Data Classifiers," filed on the same day as the present application, the contents of which is are included herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 24, with the following:

1. 1. TRUE POSITIVES should take precedence over conflicting data in the existing knowledge base. The conflicting data should be removed from the knowledge base to accommodate the new data. However, they should not be totally discarded, partly in case there is a need to retrear, partly to maintain a set of potentially useful examples. It is considered that conflicts in this category will be very rare.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 25, with the following:

Assuming that duplication is minimised but still exists, the problem associated with removal of conflicts from the knowledge base is:

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